

Edwards: Grimes County to Receive \$30,910 in Stimulus Funding for Local Law Enforcement

(Washington, D.C.) – United States Representative Chet Edwards announced today that Grimes County local law enforcement will receive \$30,910 in funding from the Stimulus legislation signed by the President on February 17th. These funds will be distributed through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program to the Grimes County Sheriff's Department and the City of Navasota Police Department.

"Ensuring the safety of our communities is one of my top priorities," said Edwards. "These funds will help our sheriff's office and police department hire more officers, upgrade equipment, and keep our streets and law enforcement personnel safe."

The JAG program allows local governments to engage in a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve their criminal justice system. It provides counties and cities wide flexibility to prioritize their needs and place justice funds where they are most needed. The grant award may be used to help pay for new personnel, law enforcement programs, prevention programs, multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, or technology improvement projects.

"Creating jobs and protecting our families from criminals are positive uses of federal stimulus funds," concluded Edwards.

This recent set of JAG grants will provide the Grimes County Sheriff's Department with \$12,689 and the City of Navasota with \$18,221.

Grimes County Sheriff Don Sowell said, "The Grimes County Sheriffs Office appreciates Congressman Edwards help in bringing law enforcement dollars through the stimulus package to help the Grimes County Sheriff's Office fight crime. We will use these funds on radar equipment for our patrol division, crime lab upgrades for our investigation division, and on equipment that will help with courtroom security and the transporting of inmates. Again we are thankful for these funds and for Congressman Edward's help and support."

Police Chief Shawn Myatt commented on the funds saying, "I want to thank Congressman Chet Edwards and his staff for their continued support that makes these funds available, which will help our department upgrade costly and rapidly changing technology."